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Folio of the Ketchikan and Prince Rupert Quadrangles, Alaska

Koch and others--Geochemistry -Cr

CORRELATION OF MAP UNITS

[Geologic map generalized from Berg and others (1978)]

Qu		QUATERNARY
QTv		QUATERNARY AND TERTIARY
Tmp	Miocene	TERTIARY
Tep	Eocene	
TKp		TERTIARY OR CRETACEOUS
KJup	Lower Cretaceous or Upper Jurassic	CRETACEOUS OR JURASSIC
KJs KJv		
JTrt JTrvs		JURASSIC OR TRIASSIC
Trsv	Upper Triassic	TRIASSIC
MzPzp MzPzu		MESOZOIC OR PALEOZOIC
Pzs	Middle and Upper Paleozoic	PALEOZOIC OR OLDER
Pzv		
Pzp	Silurian or Older	
Pzsv		

DESCRIPTION OF MAP UNITS

Qu	UNCONSOLIDATED DEPOSITS, UNDIVIDED (Quaternary)
QTv	VOLCANIC ROCKS (Quaternary and Tertiary)
Tmp	UNDIVIDED MIOCENE PLUTONIC ROCKS
Tep	UNDIVIDED EOCENE PLUTONIC ROCKS
TKp	UNDIVIDED TERTIARY OR CRETACEOUS PLUTONIC ROCKS
	GRAVINA ISLAND FORMATION AND UNNAMED CORRELATIVE ROCKS (Lower Cretaceous or Upper Jurassic)
KJup	Ultramafic and other plutonic rocks
KJs	Metasedimentary rocks
KJv	Metavolcanic rocks
JTrt	TEXAS CREEK GRANODIORITE (Jurassic or Triassic)
JTrvs	METAMORPHOSED VOLCANIC AND SEDIMENTARY ROCKS (Jurassic or Triassic)
Trsv	METAMORPHOSED SEDIMENTARY AND VOLCANIC ROCKS (Upper Triassic)
MzPzp	PARAGNEISS AND AMPHIBOLITE (Mesozoic or Paleozoic)
MzPzu	METAMORPHIC ROCKS, UNDIVIDED (Mesozoic or Paleozoic)
Pzs	METAMORPHOSED SEDIMENTARY AND MINOR VOLCANIC ROCKS (Middle and upper Paleozoic)
Pzv	FELSIC METAVOLCANIC ROCKS (Paleozoic or older)
Pzp	PLUTONIC ROCKS, CHIEFLY TRONDHJEMITE (Silurian or older)
Pzsv	METAMORPHOSED SEDIMENTARY AND VOLCANIC ROCKS (Silurian or older)

SYMBOLS

Contact. Approximately located; dotted where concealed

High-angle fault. Dashed where inferred; dotted where concealed

Thrust fault. Dashed where concealed, inferred, or assumed Sawteeth on upper plate

In the course of U.S. Geological Survey investigations of the Ketchikan and Prince Rupert quadrangles, 2602 stream-sediment samples were collected. Samples were analyzed for up to 30 elements by a 6-step, semiquantitative emission spectroscopic method (Grimes and Marranzino, 1968) and for up to 5 elements by atomic-absorption spectrophotometry (Ward and others, 1969). This map shows sample collection sites for 2602 samples which were analyzed for chromium by the spectrographic method. Complete analytical data plus location maps (scale 1:125,000), station coordinates, and a discussion of sampling and analytical procedures for samples from sites shown on this map are published in two reports (Koch and Elliott, 1978b, c). These data are also available on magnetic computer tape (Koch, Van Trump, and McDanal, 1978).

Background levels vary for different lithologies and in different areas. Because of this and variability introduced from other sources such as sampling practice, analytical variance, and degree of chemical weathering, it is impossible to select a specific analytical level above which values indicate mineralization. For this reason, the analytical values have been grouped into four ranges with each range represented by a different symbol on the map. Higher values may indicate a greater likelihood of bedrock mineralization but confidence levels are low for single-element "anomalies" and results which are not supported by neighboring values.

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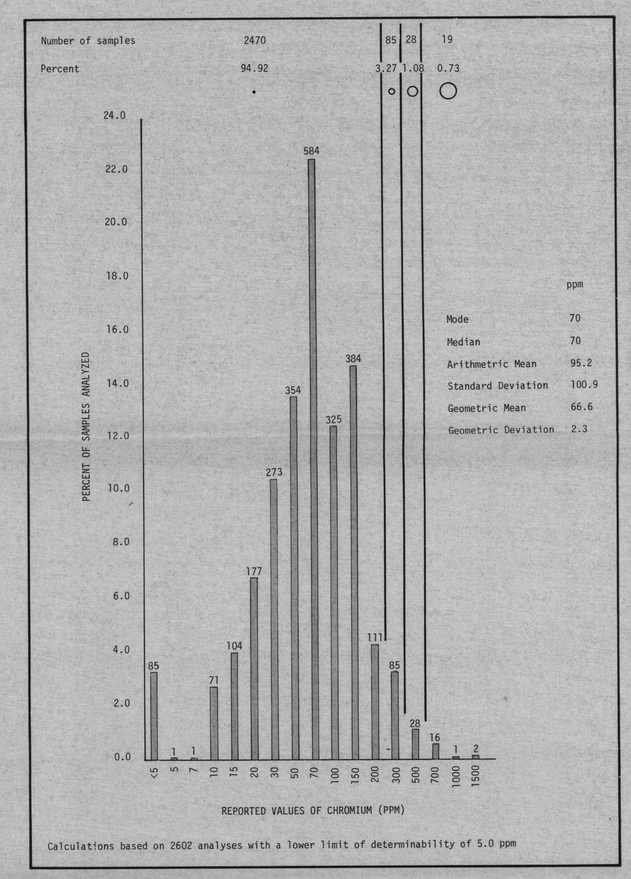

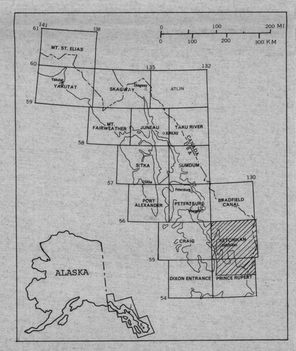

Base from USGS 1:250,000 topo series:
KETCHIKAN, 1955; PRINCE RUPERT, 1959.
ALASKA-CANADA.

SCALE 1:250000
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4 0 4 8 12 16 20 KILOMETERS
CONTOUR INTERVAL 200 FEET
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

APPROXIMATE MEAN DECLINATION, 1955

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MAP SHOWING SPECTROGRAPHICALLY DETERMINED CHROMIUM IN STREAM SEDIMENTS, KETCHIKAN AND PRINCE RUPERT QUADRANGLES, ALASKA

By

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